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## FIRST CAR LOAD OF PENCIL SLATS

Decoto Factory Sends East Its  
First Shipment.

The Essex Lumber Co. Inc. of Decoto shipped its first carload of lead pencil slats on Wednesday. The consignment went to the American Lead Pencil Co. of New York and consisted of 2000 bundles of slats which will make between 14,000 and 15,000 gross of pencils or nearly 2,000,000 pencils.

The pencils are cut from California cedar which the company is getting from various parts of California. The cedar is shipped to Decoto in 4 inch slabs and is there reduced to pencil slats of the length of a lead pencil, wide enough to cut several pencil widths and about a third of an inch in thickness. The work of assorting the pencil slats is done by girls and about a dozen girls are now given steady employment. Over 20 people are regularly employed; the force is being gradually increased. Several new machines were received last week and will be put in operation at once.

H. S. Crocker, the superintendent, is anxious to employ young people from the township but has been obliged to send east for some of his workmen.

The company pays its employees every Saturday afternoon and the addition of a permanent pay roll to the community is already giving new life to the town.

OLD MILL CAMP

## Supply of Natural Gas Discovered in Oakland

Explosion Occurs When Workman on  
Harbor Excavation Work  
Lights His Pipe.

Oakland Chamber of Commerce  
News Bureau to The Press.

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 16.—Oakland City officials believe the city has a natural gas well as part of its prosperity that will return a revenue sufficient to materially reduce the municipal tax rate. The discovery that the city has such an asset was purely accidental and was the result of a near tragedy.

In making excavation for the quay wall of the inner harbor improvements workmen detected a strong odor of gas near the eastern end of the present wall. This was attributed to sewer gas and the close proximity of operations to the plant, from which the city gets its gas supply. A few days ago a careless workman in the excavation struck a match to light the pipe. There was a loud explosion and tongues of flame shot from crevices in the earth. It was with difficulty the men were rescued from death in the flames, which were finally extinguished by dumping sand and earth into the excavation. Later investigation developed that a supply of natural gas had been tapped and experts believe it may be inexhaustible. City officials are planning to cap the gas well and dispose of the supply to some corporation for the benefit of the municipality.

Centerville

Washington Parlor, No. 169, N. S.  
G. W. expect to initiate two new

## CHURCH RETAINS PRESENT PASTOR

Rev. F. V. Jones Will Remain in Niles  
Congregational Church.

A meeting of the church members and congregation was held last Sunday after the regular morning service at the Niles Congregational Church. Those present went into executive session to vote upon retaining Mr. Jones as pastor, his time having expired. It was the unanimous expression of those present to have Mr. Jones' pastorate continue, and the vote taken so decided the matter. Mr. Jones has endeared himself to the church people during his work here and they are glad to be able to retain him in his position.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted and presented to Mr. Jones:

Niles, California,  
Sunday, Jan. 12, 1913

To the Rev. F. V. Jones:

The undersigned members of the church and congregation of the Niles Congregational Church desire to express to you, Mr. Jones, something of their regard for you and appreciation of your work. In your sermons you have done much to lift us to better ways of living. You have held before us most faithfully, the example of our fair Master, Jesus Christ. The vigorous manly love of your addresses has left an influence for good on our whole community. Nor is it easy to estimate your value as a citizen. You have been a prominent factor in every good movement in our midst. In the words of your own sermon, you have followed the ministry of Jesus Christ, bringing with all that you made do.

cation of our confidence in you, some note of our love and respect, we desire to make this call permanent on our part. These sentiments are the unanimous expression of those assembled in regular church and congregational meeting, Jan. 12, 1913, whose signatures testifying to the same are hereto subscribed.

R. F. Morgan  
S. C. Higley  
Jessie M. Higley  
Wm. H. Ford  
J. C. Shinn  
Helen C. Ford  
Jane R. Clough  
Clara Snyder  
Florence M. Hudson  
Mrs. M. M. Decker  
Amalie Meyer  
Hazel M. Easterday  
Harriet E. Morgan  
Maude B. Sneden  
Mrs. John Dassel  
May Walpert (X)  
Mrs. M. Barnard  
Anna Walpert  
Marston Dassel  
Leonard Barnard  
Edward B. Ellsworth  
Harriet Ellsworth  
Mrs. Edw. A. Ellsworth  
Fern E. Green  
Mary Barnard  
R. O. Moyer  
Bruce Baldwin  
Sidney Tyson  
Harriet B. Ellsworth  
Richard Zeidler  
J. T. Jacobus

## "The Resurrection" at Edison Picture Shows

Tolstoy's Splendid Drama a Feature  
at the Movies.—Good Bill  
Is Announced.

The Edison Moving Picture Company of Niles is this week presenting the powerful drama of Count Tolstoy's entitled The Resurrection, featuring Blanche Walsh. It is a five reel subject and the price of admission is 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children. The production is a fine one and is given under the charge of Griffin and Kerrigan who have presented it with great success in various parts of the state. It was shown in Niles on Thursday evening and will be presented in Irvington on Saturday evening and in Centerville on Monday evening.

### PROGRAM THIS WEEK

Some of the features of the coming week's shows are as follows:

Niles, Saturday night, January 18, "Broncho Billy's Narrow Escape", an Essanay Picture taken in Niles, featuring Mr. G. M. Anderson.

Coming Monday, January 20, "Polo Substitute", a Selig production; "Honor thy Father," Lubin, a pretty rural story.

Coming Wednesday, Jan. 22, featuring G. M. Anderson in the "Smuggler's Daughter". A Niles Essanay production.

### DECOTO PROGRAM

Sunday night at Decoto the Edison Moving Picture company will show: "Baby Betty", a Selig production, a story of the Civil War; "Broncho Billy's Narrow Escape" and two other pretty stories.

### MISSION SAN JOSE

Tuesday night at Mission San Jose the following pictures will be shown: An Essanay — "The Smuggler's Daughter", taken in Niles, featuring G. M. Anderson; "A Persistent Lover", a comical selection; and two other reels.

Also a Selig production of a "Chamber of Horrors, or the Workings of a Man's Conscience."

SOCIAL SERVICE

## FINE STORM THIS WEEK

Over Two Inches of Rain Has  
Fallen Since Sunday

The long looked for storm came this week and since Sunday night 2.57 inches of rain has fallen making 6.50 inches for the season up to Friday morning. This is considerably in excess of the rainfall up to the same date last season, which was 5.47 inches. While making the work somewhat inconvenient about the big bridge the flow of water in the creek is not sufficient to do any damage.

Fording the creek is necessary for those who live on the South side but so far is not dangerous. Water greatly in excess of the present stream will have to flow in the creek before any danger will arise to the new bridge or before it will be necessary to remove the present temporary bridge.

One good result of the storm is the replenishment of the water in the gravel beds underlying the creek. It is believed that as a result of the present flow in the creek, the water level in the wells will soon begin to rise again.

The storm will do great good to our entire section and comes at a time to insure our people a return to normal conditions again.

A novel feature of the storm for this season of the year was the electrical display on Sunday night and Thursday morning. Commencing at about 2 a. m. Monday morning and lasting for about half an hour there was a veritable cloudburst accompanied by flashes of lightning. On Thurs-

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## Secure a Cannery

THE PRESS has at different times called the attention of our people to the advisability of urging the establishment of a cannery in the Township. There is no question that the building erected for the Newark Cannery is an ideal location. If a general movement throughout the township were started to boost for the location we might get something started during the present year. A cannery at Newark is a practical, feasible proposition. It will be a benefit to the whole the whole township.

## Watch Your Wells

NOW THAT the rainy season has set in we hope that the people of our township will maintain as close a watch upon their wells as they have done during the dry season. Notice particularly the relation between the flow of water in the creek and the rise of water in the

## A Victory for the Civic Association

THE ACTION of the Grand Jury in reconsidering its decision that the publication of assessment maps would be an unwarranted expense is one for which it is to be commended. The grand jury has now recommended the publication of these maps which will show just how property is assessed all over the county. We believe that the publication of the maps will prove a great factor in bringing about a square deal in property assessments.

The friendly attitude of Assessor Horner toward the Civic Association has undoubtedly been increased by his discovery that neither President Gorman nor any one else in the association had aspirations for his job. Their purpose was straightforward

and they were determined to go ahead whether the county politicians consented or not. When the grand jury turned the proposition down two weeks ago steps were at once taken to get the maps out at the expense of the members of the association. The politicians also discovered that the Civic Association was not only right but had a strong membership throughout the county.

Within the past two weeks the Civic Association has secured a complete reversal from the Grand Jury and if the recommendation of the Grand Jury is faithfully carried out, the Civic Association will have gained the main purpose for which it has worked during the past year and Alameda County will have taken a very advanced step in equalizing property assessments.

## A Much Desired Amendment

ASSEMBLYMAN CLARKE of Inyo County is trying to secure the proposal of an amendment which will make the property held by the City of Los Angeles in Inyo county assessable. Los Angeles' holdings in Inyo county for water supply purposes are considerable and although she is paying taxes on this property she is doing so under protest.

Alameda county is very much interested in this question inasmuch as something like \$5,000,000 of assessed valuation will be lost to the county should San Francisco buy out the Spring Valley property. It is believed that should Los Angeles insist on her legal rights she would not have to pay taxes to Inyo county. The same would apply in our county should San Francisco buy the Spring Valley property. The

loss of this assessment would practically ruin Pleasanton township and would be a heavy loss to Washington Township.

The movement to assess property held by a city or county in another county ought to receive the hearty support of the entire Alameda delegation. There is danger that should Los Angeles and San Francisco combine the needed amendment may not carry in the legislature. It should be tried, however, as the situation may arise in Alameda county during the present year.

It may become necessary to secure the amendment by means of the initiative. No matter how it is secured we in this section must have it if possible. This is a vital question to this district and we do not doubt but it will have the close attention of both Assemblyman Beck and Senator Strowbridge.

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## Irvington

Wm. Craig left on Monday of this week for San Rafael where he has gone into the butcher business and where he will make his home.

Driscoll Bros. are setting out in strawberries fifty acres of their land near Irvington.

The Irvington Chamber of Commerce has arranged for a minstrel show to be held on the evening of Feb. 22. They will follow this up on March 17.

Mrs. Sarah Decoto visited in San Francisco on Tuesday.

Mrs. J. M. Brewer and daughter Mila, and son Lester, left Monday for their new home in San Francisco where Mr. Brewer has gone into the commission business.

Mrs. Wamsley spent Friday visiting in San Jose.

Mrs. Ed. Roderick and Mrs. Clay Brewer spent Tuesday in San Jose.

Floyd Witherly is home from Soladad where he has been working in electrical construction work.

Mr. Jackson has received a full line of spring and summer samples which may be seen at his tailoring shop.

Mrs. Werner has been quite sick but is now improving.

Postals are now on sale at the Lutz Pharmacy showing several views of Mission San Jose during the recent cold snap. The pictures were taken by Dr. J. H. Durham.

Thos. Power and Tom Berge returned from Oakley this week where they enjoyed a very successful duck and goose hunt.

Mrs. Isaac Whitfield visited at the home of her son Will Whitfield the first of the week.

The Rebekahs will entertain the grand president on Wednesday night and will enjoy a banquet and social evening.

The I. O. O. F. are to give an entertainment in their hall on Saturday evening.

Miss Marion Valencia is enjoying her vacation this week.

Judge Durham spent a few days the first of the week in Clay, Sacramento County.

A social dance is to be given by the young people of Irvington on Saturday evening, January 26, in Maple Hall. Music will be furnished by Brohaska's orchestra. Admission will be gentlemen 50c, ladies 25c, including refreshments. A good time is expected.

Anderson Academy opened for the spring term on Tuesday.

Miss Esther Christensen of Sacramento visited with her family in

## Alvarado

Mr. Nichol has resigned from his position as chief engineer at the sugar mill and has taken a position in Alvarado.

Mr. Logan, Mr. Bettencourt, and Mr. Fyffe returned from a goose hunt at Vista this week with twenty-five geese in their possession.

Mrs. Barth was hostess at an enjoyable card party to a few friends one evening this week. The evening was very pleasantly spent at 500 at the close of which dainty refreshments were served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Robie, Mr. and Mrs. Dees, Miss Bunker and Miss Kent.

Mrs. Davilla and Miss Davilla spent Monday shopping in Oakland.

Mrs. Luna returned home this week after a visit with her sister at Decoto.

Mrs. J. G. Rose spent Sunday in San Francisco and while there attended a birthday party given in honor of her daughter Mrs. Holsten.

Mrs. J. H. Ralph spent the day on Wednesday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lowrie.

The baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Machado has been quite seriously ill but under the care of Dr. Emerson is greatly improved.

Farley Granger and son were visitors in Alvarado on Tuesday afternoon of this week.

Miss Bunker spent Sunday afternoon with her brother Mr. Bunker of Newark.

A number of improvements have been made recently in the Alvarado Branch Library. Two new bookcases have been installed this week.

Mrs. August May visited at the home of her mother in Decoto on Tuesday.

J. H. Ralph, F. C. Harvey, A. Lund, were passengers to the city on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Richmond and family spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Richmond Sr.

Mrs. A. J. Rutherford and her sister Miss Maude McCarty spent Tuesday in Oakland.

Mr. Robert and Everett Richmond spent Saturday evening in Mt. Eden.

Mr. A. May made a business trip to Oakland and San Francisco on Thursday.

Mr. Tony Amaral who has been confined to his bed for the past few days has recovered sufficiently to

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## Niles Notes

Dan Baldwin who is traveling salesman for the Graham Foundry at Newark spent Sunday at his home in Niles. Mr. Baldwin in his travels is seeing much of the Pacific Coast Country.

Miss Edna Goodhue of San Mateo spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. F. V. Jones.

Mrs. Geo. Hudson has received late news from her daughter in Alaska, that her young grandson, Chester the IV, is making fine progress in his babyhood, and that all the Alaska relatives are well.

Mrs. Glover enjoyed a few days' visit last week from her mother, Mrs. Dickerson of Santa Clara.

Miss Mollie Meyer was a guest at the silver wedding anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Oakes in Hayward last week. Miss Meyer was also a guest at the wedding reception of the same couple twenty five years ago.

Those who have made the acquaintance of Mrs. Baldwin's sister Mrs. F. S. Owen of Omaha, will be interested to know of the birth of a baby girl to Mrs. Owen at their winter residence in Monticito, a suburb of Santa Barbara on Jan. 11th.

Mrs. H. A. Mayhew is spending several days with her daughter Mrs. Wm. Cobb in San Francisco.

Miss Etta Sherman of the San Jose Normal spent over Sunday at the Belvoir.

The birthday club held a delightful meeting on last Tuesday with Mrs. Clough in honor of her birthday.

A bountiful lunch contributed by the members was first enjoyed, and after lingering about the table for some time, the card tables were brought out and Five Hundred enjoyed for the remainder of the afternoon. Mrs. Clough and Miss DeCora were awarded the souvenir gifts from the club and Mrs. Ford each received a handsome silk scarf as a birthday gift from the club.

Percy Orpin, Willie Silva and Louise Runckel are among those absent from school this week on account of bad colds.

Miss Meyer visited in the City the first of the week.

The United Artisans held their regular meeting on Tuesday night with a good attendance present. The following officers were installed for the ensuing term: Past M. A., J. B. Barnard; M. A., Mrs. Barnard; Superintendent, Mrs. Overacker; Inspector, Mrs. Runckel; Secretary, Mr. Martenstein; Treasurer, Mr. Jacobus; Jr. Cond., Mrs. Martenstein; Sr. Cond., Mrs. Preston; Warden, Mr. Jones; Conductress, Mrs. Simpson; M. of C., Mrs. Jacobus.

Mrs. McLaughlin of Crescent City is the guest of her daughter Mrs. A. Grainger.

Harrison Snyder returned to Berkeley Monday to resume his work at the U. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shinn attended the Wednesday matinee of The Blue Bird after being the luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cobb in San Francisco.

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ity but not in the unincorporated territory. Under the law as it is now constructed if ten per cent of the people of the cities sign the petition they can take in any part or all of Alameda County in their proposed district. Then if they can furnish the required majority of voters the proposed district will be incorporated. The rights of the people of Washington Township have been absolutely disregarded. **THEY HAVE BEEN LEGISLATED AWAY.** They have nothing to say so far as the petition is concerned and the overwhelming preponderance of Oakland's vote makes their voting at the election hopeless. It is a most vicious, unjust, and un-American law. It violates the very fundamental principles of all free government.

The men who have been responsible for this law are LEGAL CROOKS. Our own representatives in the legislature at the time, Mr. Stowbridge and Mr. Rogers, ought to explain to our people who it was that put this thieving, unfair law through. Were you, Mr. Rogers, so busy with the concerns of the District Attorney's office, that you had no time to watch out for the interests of your people? And how about you, Mr. Stowbridge? We believe you to be honest. You are a farmer yourself. How were you tricked into such a gross neglect and oversight of your district's rights?

#### Deception.

It has been whispered by those whose perfidy in this matter will later come to light that the editor of the Press knew what the law was all the time. The truth of the matter is that we have believed in the truthfulness of the statement which we published in our issue of October 27, 1911 just prior to the Centerville meeting held on Monday evening, October 30, 1911, which was taken from the report of J. M. Dockweiler to City Attorney Percy V. Long. A copy of said report was furnished us by Mr. Dockweiler himself and is still in our possession. Besides Mr. Dockweiler himself at the meeting at Centerville outlined the plan of the municipal water district law of 1909, the one under which we supposed at that time we were acting. It is the only law Mr. Dockweiler ever acquainted us with and we had confidence in him although we knew he was acting as the representative of the city of Oakland. Besides we were too busy trying to help out on the Hetch Hetchy situation to give our attention to the legal end of it and moreover we suspected no treachery from those we were aiding.

The following extract from Mr. Dockweiler's article in our issue of OCTOBER 27, 1911 (remember the date, please) shows how we were lulled into security even after the law of May, 1911 had already tied

up the matter when the proposed municipal water district was to be formed. Nothing was ever said to us about the law of April 26, 1911, which was then in existence and which was so framed that Oakland and its neighboring cities COULD VOTE INTO A WATER DISTRICT any or all of the unincorporated part of the county if they saw fit. Under that law the majority vote of the entire proposed water district incorporated the district. Within two months after that meeting in Centerville the amended act of December 24, 1911 was passed which made Oakland's cinch on our water supply all the more secure.

So impressed have we been with doing all we could to strengthen San Francisco's claim on the Hetch Hetchy by showing the danger that threatened our own section that we have thrown all our spare energy into that angle of the fight. We have looked to experts for expert advice but all the information that should have been furnished our people was not furnished to us.

The one great disadvantage in our personal situation has been that we have been forced by the necessities of our situation to give our attention to other matters.

Another disadvantage has been that either the fear or subservency of our representatives in the legislature has made them shun us. When the writer sought to secure a hearing before the Alameda County delegation, he was side tracked. When he sought to be present at the first preliminary meeting of the mayors of the several cities at which the preliminary steps for the formation of the water district were taken, he was informed by Mayor Mott of Oakland that the meeting was executive. We went there for the purpose of keeping our people informed. They had a right to be. Their own representative, the supervisor of this district, and the district attorney of Alameda County who through all these past years SHOULD HAVE BEEN GUARDING OUR RIGHTS AS A PEOPLE have never lifted a finger. We openly accuse the District Attorney's office of gross neglect and perfidy on this question.

#### We Must Fight.

Apparently the only thing left for our people to do is TO FIGHT FOR THEIR RIGHTS. We do not profess to say what is the right method to pursue. We believe that a meeting of the citizens should be called at once. We believe that our present Water Committee should get extremely busy.

It is very evident that the men who have been our political bosses for years have been parties to our betrayal. They have used our section to climb into power in Oakland. They can now kick the ladder out from under them. They are safe from the wrath of our outraged people. But the question remains for our people to decide. What are we going to do about it?

Shall we try to enjoin the Board of Supervisors from incorporating us in the proposed water district and test the constitutionality of the pro-

posed law. Shall we organize a water district of our own to protect ourselves from both San Francisco and Oakland until such time as the Sierra supply is brought in and relief comes to us?

Apparently we are helpless to prevent the People's Water Company or the City of Oakland from taking the water which they have acquired during the past five years. We can prevent an increased supply from being taken.

The only way it can be done is by fighting. Can that best be done by a voluntary organization or by a legally organized water district? For years we have endeavored to arouse our people to their danger. Whether we wish it or not, THE BATTLE IS ON. Either our people must lie down and be absolutely robbed or they must fight like Americans for their rights.

The following are the sections of the municipal water district act of December 1911, under which the proposed district is to be formed:

"Sec. 2. The people of any city and county, or of one or more municipal corporations in any county with or without unincorporated territory in such county, in the State of California, may organize a municipal water district under the provisions of this act, by proceeding as herein provided.

"Sec. 3. A petition which may consist of any number of separate instruments, shall be presented to the county clerk of the county in which the proposed water district is located, signed by qualified electors residing within the boundaries of the proposed water district equal in number to at least ten per centum of the number of such qualified electors voting for all candidates for the office of governor....PROVIDED, that where one or more municipal corporations are included in such proposed water district, SUCH PETITION MUST BE SIGNED BY AT LEAST TEN PER CENTUM OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF EACH SUCH MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SO VOTING AT SUCH ELECTION. (This provision is the joker. The unincorporated territory is not placed under this provision.)

From Sec. 3. "If a majority of the votes cast at such election shall be in favor of organizing such municipal district, said board shall by an order entered on its minutes declare the territory included within the proposed boundaries duly organized as a municipal water district," etc.

visitors from the Newark Chamber consisting of Chas. Cockefair, Louis Ruschin and W. Wyatt added much to the pleasure of the evening. Mr. Lowe of the Western Pacific Railroad was present and promised on behalf of his company that efforts were being made to improve the local service of the company and also to improve the approaches to the station. He said his company would aid in advertising the Niles Carnival. Mr. Lowe was greatly impressed with our section.

## Water Committee Will Meet Monday Evening

The Water Committee of Washington Township will meet in Centerville, Monday evening, March 10, to consider the water question and to determine if possible upon a course of action and to arrange for a mass meeting later in the week. The committee invites any and all citizens of the township to meet and advise with them and to make suggestions.

The meeting of the citizens will probably be held next Saturday evening.

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The following committees were named.

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Ballot Committee: Mrs. E. R. Tyson, Mrs. Rose Fournier, Mrs. Francis Simpson, Mrs. Leontine Rose, Mrs. Mary Moore, Mrs. Mary Barnard, Mr. Frank Clark, Mr. Herbert Dominici, Mr. Jim McCray, Mr. George Bonde, Mr. Geo. Donovan, Milton Fournier.

The ballot boxes have been placed in the different towns and voting is now going on.

The following are the names of the young ladies placed in nomination for Queen of the Niles Street Carnival in May:

**Niles**  
Mary Keller  
Hazel Easterday  
Margaret Lynch  
Lillian Borges  
Florence Abrott  
Flora Langfri  
Nita Jullinelli  
Florence Abrott  
**Centerville**  
Beatrice Lernhart,  
Mary Bernardo,  
Zetta Hawes,  
Mabel Mathiesen  
**Newark**  
Harlem Jones  
Nidene Snow  
Katie Martin  
Mabel Fowler  
**Mission San Jose**  
Lucy Rose,  
**Irvington**  
Ethel Van Olinda,  
**Decoto**  
Charlotte Meyer  
Helen Crane  
**Alvarado**  
Dorothy Ford,  
Beryl Farley  
Minnie Rose  
Mamie Amaral  
**Warm Springs**  
Aileen Pieres,  
Mildred Sorensen

er water, so the heat radiated at any point must be an is of the same temperature as that at any other point on the same level.

The incubator chamber is of a peculiar construction in so far that it has no doors; the only way to get in the machine is to remove the egg drawer.

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There is no question that the merit of the Victor will soon make Decoto the seat of a factory that will prove a very valuable acquisition to the town and township.

## FOR CARNIVAL QUEEN

I herewith nominate

M .....

Signed .....

Send this blank to Mrs. James Easterday, Secretary, Niles, Calif. N. B. All nominees must be California native born and residents of Washington Township.

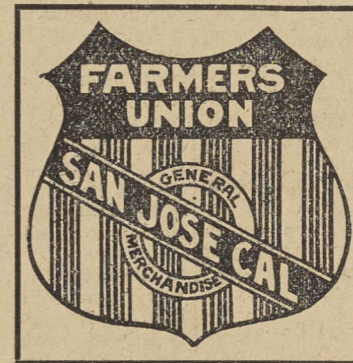
"He is survived by his devoted wife and infant son, two brothers and two sisters in the east, to whom there is extended the sympathy and prayers of a wide circle of friends and associates in christian work, of the deceased."

**TRINITY CHURCH MISSION**  
Divine Service will be held in the Guild Hall, Niles, every Sunday at 3.30 o'clock, except on the first Sunday of each month when it will be at 11 o'clock and the Holy Communion will be administered.  
All are cordially invited to attend.

There is a chance to do a world of good here and the Press has been assured by the Fair Directors that every encouragement will be offered the boys and girls.

Toward San Jose:			
	Lv. Niles		Ar. S. Jos
90	8.20a	San Francisco	9.00a
188	10.30	Centerville	11.05
92	2.30p	San Francisco	3.05p
94	4.20	San Francisco	4.55
190	6.25		7.00
98	8.00	San Francisco	8.40
From San Jose:			
	Lv. S. Jose		Ar. Niles
89	5.15a	San Francisco	5.50a
513	6.05	Centerville	6.55
91	7.10	San Francisco	7.45
95	12.25p	San Francisco	1.00p
	2.10	Redwood City	2.50
97	4.20	San Francisco	5.00
189	5.25		6.00
515	4.30	Centerville	5.20
Centerville Branch:			
	Lv. Niles		Ar. Newark
507	4.57a	Milk Train	5.10a
513	6.58	San Francisco	7.11
509	3.00p	San Jose	3.15p
515	5.20	San Francisco	5.35
	Lv. Newark		Ar. Niles
188	10.00a	Niles Passenger	10.12a
Redwood City and Centerville.			
Lv. Niles		Ar. Redwood	
3.10 p. m.		4.30 p. m.	
Lv. Redwood		Ar. Niles	
5.15p		6.15p	
Leaving for Oakland		6.25 p. m.	

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## SOCIETY NOTICES

**ALAMEDA LODGE, F. & A. M.**  
Centerville, Cal.  
Meetings for 1913.—Jan. 18, Feb. 12,  
March 15, April 19, May 17, June  
14, July 12, Aug. 16, Sept. 13, Oct.  
11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13.

**MAPLE CAMP NO. 146 W. O. W.**  
Of Centerville  
George Joseph, Con. Com.  
M H. Lewis, Clerk.  
M. S. Almeida, Banker.  
Meets every Second and Fourth  
Fridays of the Month in Stevenson's  
Hall.

**NILES LODGE NO. 382 I. O. O. F.**  
Meets every Monday evening  
J. B. BARNARD, N. G.  
FRANK CRANE, V. G.  
J. E. JACOBUS, Secty.

**CENTRAL ASSEMBLY No. 191 U. A.**  
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Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays  
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**STOVE WOOD**—For sale at Ir-  
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## Decoto

The Misses Rose and Marion Kel-  
ly spent over Sunday in San Fran-  
cisco with friends.

Miss Meta Cordeiro visited Sun-  
day in Hayward.

Mrs. John Caton spent Sunday at  
San Leandro with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Cordeiro vis-  
ited in East Oakland on Sunday with  
relatives.

Miss Helen Crane was here from  
San Jose over Sunday.

Tom Ibberson enjoyed a few days  
at San Leandro with his folks last  
week.

F. E. Brown of Decoto spent the  
day Sunday with his friend A. J.  
Pearson of San Leandro.

Mr. and Mrs. W. De Guere and son  
Charles were in town Sunday visit-  
ing their friends.

A number of Decoto boys made a  
hiking trip up to Old Honcherinka's  
home to make him a visit last Sun-  
day, and took some pictures of the  
place. The boys enjoying the hike  
were Jerry Margarido, Ed Neves,  
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Janeiro, and some others in their  
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leather heels.....\$2.50

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The beautiful spring time with its wealth of blossoms appeals to all lovers of nature at the present time who are residents of this favored land.

Mrs. Harry Collins of Oakland was the guest last week with her mother Mrs. Walker.

Edison Motion Picture Co. shows four new reels of excellent pictures in Niles each Monday Wednesday, Friday and Saturday night.

IRVINGTON WINS IN ELEVEN INNINGS FROM CENTERVILLE

The Independent Irvington baseball team managed by W. P. Slayton has made a very good record during the past three weeks. Last Sunday the team played Centerville an eleven inning game which resulted in a score of 8 to 7 in favor of Irvington. A large crowd was present and the gate receipts totaling \$45.00 were equally divided between the two teams.

A return game will be played on Sunday at Centerville.

Centerville to Be in League.

The Centerville baseball team was organized at an enthusiastic meeting Wednesday night. M. S. Simas was elected manager and the team decided to enter the Township league during this season.

Niles Team Organized.

The Niles baseball team organized Wednesday night with the following officers: Mr. Laws, president; M. T. Duffey, Secretary; and Manuel DeEstrella Manager.

Game at High School.

Centerville and Livermore High School teams will cross bats in the initial game of the C. A. C. A. L. baseball series at Centerville field this Saturday afternoon.

The second team of St. Mary's College worsted the Centerville team in a practice gam of baseball at Centerville field last Saturday. The score was 8 to 3.

NILES WOMAN'S CLUB.

The Niles Woman's Club extends an invitation to all Niles ladies who are interested in the work to be taken, to join the Club as charter members. The charter will be held open up to the fourth Thursday in April.

The next regular meeting of the club will be on March 3rd at the home of Mrs. E. Clarke in Niles Glen.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN TO ARCHITECTS to submit plans and specifications in detail for said building to the said Board of Trustees of said Alviso School District by delivering to J. F. Rose, a member of said Board, at his residence in Alviso School District, Alameda County, California, on or before Tuesday, the 18th day of March, 1913, at seven o'clock P. M., of said day, said plans and specifications.

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Dated, Feb. 26, 1913.

J. F. ROSE  
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Trustees of Alviso School District in the County of Alameda, State of California.

Dr. J. H. Garrison of St. Louis Mission will be a guest at the Durham hom next week.

Rev. J. H. Durham spent last week in Santa Cruz a guest at the McCullough home.

Mr. A. Olivera has moved his family to San Jose.

Mr. Tom Tierney spent Tuesday in the City.

Mrs. Dave Reynolds is much improved from her recent illness.

Mr. T. Scar of San Francisco was a guest of H. Cushing Saturday.

"BILL, THE DOG MAN" LEAVES NILES THIS WEEK

J. W. Henderson, better known as "Bill, the Dog Man" who has been cooking at the Cyclers Cafe in Niles since last November, will leave town next week for Hayward. He has declared his intention to start the O. U. Chophouse at 533 Castro St. in that place and will open shop there as soon as the painters have finished their work on the place, which will probably be about the middle of this week.

Mr. Henderson has been in the restaurant business for fifteen years and was the proprietor of the well-known "Dog Kennel" in Berkeley, where he received his nickname of "Bill the Dog Man" from his celebrated Hamburg sandwiches. During his stay at Niles he has been chief cook and bottle washer with Tom Kelly at the Cyclers Cafe and it is largely through his efforts that the little eating place has proven such a success.

His friends are sorry to see Mr. Henderson leave town but wish him success in his new location. The Cyclers Cafe will continue to do business at the old stand with Mr. Kelly at the helm, or rather behind the counter and adorned with cap and gown and dish pan.

WORTH GOING TO HEAR

Miss Georgia Cutler of Palo Alto will deliver a lecture in the Irvington Christian Church Sunday evening March 9, 7.30 p. m. Subject will be The Mothers Pension as presented in a Bill now pending in the Legislature. The minimum wage for women will also be discussed.

Miss Cutler has given much time and thought to these social problems making her lecture interesting and vital.

When presented before the various clubs and civic bodies of Palo Alto an Stanford University the lecture received much favorable comment. All are cordially invited to be present.